

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Expect data signals are generated for a series of applied data signals having a known sequence to determine if groups of ~~these applied~~ the data signals ~~have been~~ were properly captured. A first group of the applied data signals is captured, and a group of expect data signals are generated from the captured first group ~~of applied data signals~~. A second group of ~~the applied~~ data signals ~~are~~ is then captured ~~after the first group~~. ~~The second group of applied data signals are and~~ determined to have been properly captured when the second ~~captured group of applied data signals corresponds~~ to the group of expect data signals. In this way, when ~~capture of the applied~~ a captured series of data signals is shifted in time from an expected ~~initial~~ capture point, subsequent captured ~~groups of applied~~ data signals are compared to their correct expected data signals in order to determine whether that group, although shifted in time, was nonetheless correctly captured. A pattern generator generates expect data signals in this manner, and ~~this pattern generator may be utilized in a synchronization circuit to synchronize a plurality of clock signals. This pattern generator is suitable for use in synchronization circuits and a variety of integrated circuits, but is particularly well suited for synchronizing command and data clocks applied to~~ such as an SLDRAMs.